GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forest land is used into various other purposes; and

(b) if so, whether any directions have been issued to the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, forest land can be used for various other purposes. The policy and procedure for allowing such use is as per the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 1981 and the Guidelines framed thereof, which are communicated to the State Governments from time to time.